

or operator of the premises notice. In the event the owner of the animal and the owner or operator of the premises cannot be notified, the State Veterinarian or an authorized representative may seize and destroy the animal. The owner or operator of the premises on which the animal is located shall permit entry on the premises by the State Veterinarian or an authorized representative and shall cooperate with the State Veterinarian or an authorized representative. The provisions of G.S. 106-401(a) with respect to obtaining an emergency order do not apply to this subsection.

(c) When determined by the State Veterinarian, in consultation with the Commissioner of Agriculture and with the approval of the Governor, that there is an imminent threat within the State of a contagious animal disease that has the potential for very serious and rapid spread, is of serious socioeconomic and public health consequence, or is of major importance in the international trade of animals and animal products or that it is necessary to control a contagious animal disease, the State Veterinarian may require the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Commission to develop a plan to address the movement of wildlife and the destruction of wildlife."

SECTION 4. G.S. 106-405 reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-405. ~~Violation made misdemeanor. Prohibited acts; penalties.~~

(a) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in G.S. 106-404, any person ~~or persons~~ who ~~shall~~ knowingly and willfully ~~violate~~ violates any provision of G.S. 106-400 to 106-403 shall be this Part is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

(b) It is prohibited that any person knowingly and willfully:

- (1) Hide or conceal any animals that are subject to a quarantine under this Part.*
- (2) Fail to report the occurrence of an animal disease for which a quarantine under this Part is in effect.*

(c) Any person who has committed an act that is prohibited under subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to an administrative penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per violation. Each act in violation of subsection (b) of this section is a separate violation."

PART II. OTHER TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.

SECTION 5. G.S. 106-400 reads as rewritten:

"§ 106-400. ~~Permit from State Veterinarian for sale, transportation, etc.,—Sale or transportation of animals affected with disease.~~ disease prohibited.

No person ~~or persons~~ shall sell, trade, offer for sale or trade, or transport by ~~truck or other conveyance~~ motor vehicle on any public road or other public place within the State any animal ~~or animals~~